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## Alaska Aurora Train with Lodge at Black Rapids

2025/2026 Winter

Alaska Winter Rail Vacation

7 Days / 6 Nights Anchorage to Fairbanks  
Priced at USD \$8,725 per person

### INTRODUCTION

Marvel at Mother Nature's nightly light show as you spend seven days and six nights in Southcentral Alaska. You won't be sitting around waiting for the aurora, instead you'll enjoy countless winter activities at the all-season Lodge at Black Rapids. Meet friendly sled dogs, snowshoe through backcountry terrain and go ice fishing (or skating!) on nearby lakes.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

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|---------------|--|
| <b>DAY 1</b>  | Anchorage   Arrival  |
| <b>DAY 2</b>  | Anchorage to Fairbanks   Alaska Railroad                                 |
| <b>DAY 3</b>  | Fairbanks to The Lodge at Black Rapids   Shared Small Group Van Transfer |
| <b>DAYS 4</b> | The Lodge at Black Rapids   Winter Activities                            |
| <b>DAYS 5</b> | The Lodge at Black Rapids  |
| <b>DAY 6</b>  | The Lodge at Black Rapids to Fairbanks   Shared Small Group Van Transfer |
| <b>DAY 7</b>  | Fairbanks   Departure  |

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## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

*The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.*

### Day 1 Anchorage | Arrival

Upon arrival in Anchorage transfer at your own cost to your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights.

### Day 2 Anchorage to Fairbanks | Alaska Railroad

Today you'll have the chance to experience a scenic winter Alaska railroad trip aboard the Aurora Winter Train. You'll ride in a heated railcar with comfortable seats, large picture windows and onboard dining options. The full-day railroad trip follows the same backcountry stretch of tracks as the summer Denali Star Train and offers spectacular views of the pristine snow-covered landscape and North America's highest mountain peak. The train will stop as needed in Talkeetna, Healy, and Nenana before arriving to Fairbanks.

### Day 3 Fairbanks to The Lodge at Black Rapids | Shared Small Group Van Transfers

This morning a shuttle will pick you up for your journey to The Lodge at Black Rapids. Following the Alaska Pipeline and the mighty Tanana River, your stops include the Morris Thompson Cultural Center, North Pole and Sullivan Roadhouse. Your final destination is The Lodge at Black Rapids, sharing space with the restored Rapids Roadhouse. After lunch explore Black Rapids, Snowshoe the trails surrounding the Lodge, listen to historic tales fireside, or marvel at the aurora. (Lunch & dinner is included)

### Days 4 The Lodge at Black Rapids | Winter Activities

For those who want to explore the surrounding area, a guided hike along the cross-country ski trail offers access to the quartz-streaked bluff that dominates the eastern ridge-line above the lodge. The second part of the day will be spent in search of wildlife with experts from the University of Alaska. Later that night, visit Black Rapids Lake for an open fire, kick sledding, and an opportunity to snowshoe, ski and witness the Northern Lights. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

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**Days 5 The Lodge at Black Rapids**

Today is a day-long lesson on mountain geology and glaciology, from the experts at the University of Alaska. You will snow-shoe up to Black Rapids Glacier, see ice caves, and be able to retreat into the comforts of an Alaskan Arctic Oven tent equipped with a potbelly stove and a gourmet lunch. Tonight, you will meet two famous dog sled racers along with Zoya, a world-renowned dog musher who has completed the Iditarod. If that's not exciting enough, you'll also enjoy a ride on a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

**Day 6 The Lodge at Black Rapids to Fairbanks | Shared Small Group Van Transfer**

This day is left open at your leisure before your afternoon departure back to Fairbanks. Optional activities include guided hikes, ice fishing or enjoying the sauna. On the scenic transfer back to Fairbanks, you will be provided with a tour of the unseen agricultural areas of Delta Junction, with brief visits to the meat and sausage factory, the local flour company, views of buffalo ranches, farmland, and scenic landscapes. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy Fairbanks. (Breakfast is included).

**Day 7 Fairbanks | Departure**

Upon check-out of your hotel, it's now time to say goodbye to your magical Alaskan Aurora rail adventure.

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- 1 night accommodation in Anchorage
- 3 nights The Lodge at Black Rapids
- 2 nights accommodation in Fairbanks
- Alaska Railroad - Anchorage to Fairbanks Aurora Winter Train
- Round trip van transfers between Fairbanks & the Lodge at Black Rapids
- The Lodge at Black Rapids Inclusions
- Meals from lunch day of arrival to breakfast day of departure
- Snacks & soft drinks

**Winter Activities Include:**

- Snowshoe Excursions
- Cross Country Skiing
- Kick sledding
- Ice fishing on near-by lake or in route to lodge
- Dog sledding,
- Ice Cave Excursion
- Winter Clothing
- Lodge Staff Gratuity

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**Anchorage Hotel's**

- Hotel Captain Cook | Deluxe Room
- Hilton Anchorage Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Anchorage Marriott Downtown | Standard Room

**Fairbanks Hotel's**

- Pikes Waterfront Lodge | Riverview Room
- Springhill Suites | Double or King Suite

**Fairbanks Region Lodge**

- Fairbanks Region - The Lodge at Black Rapids

**Not Included:**

- Gratuities
- Activities & meals other than specified
- Portage fees
- Anchorage and Fairbanks transfers between hotel and train station

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## DATES & PRICING

### Departs Anchorage

(Tour Code: TRAW9) Oct 17, 24, 31 Nov 07, 14, 21, 28 Dec 05, 12, 19, 26 Jan 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Feb 06, 09, 13, 16, 20, 23, 25, 27  
Mar 02, 04, 06, 09, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30 Apr 03, 10

### Departs Fairbanks

(Tour Code: TRAW10) Oct 14, 21, 28 Nov 04, 11, 18, 25 Dec 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Jan 06, 13, 20, 27 Feb 03, 06, 10, 13, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27  
Mar 01, 03, 06, 08, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 31 Apr 07

| DATE                  | DOUBLE  | SINGLE   | TRIPLE | CHILD   |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| 15 Oct 25 - 10 Apr 26 | \$8,725 | \$13,104 | -      | \$6,336 |

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